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Applicant : University of Pittsburgh of the
Commonwealth System of
Higher Education
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Title of Invention : BONE MARROW
TRANSPLANTATION FOR HEPATIC
REGENERATION AND REPAIR

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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: **Authorized Officer**
IPEA/US

Dear Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion mailed May 21, 2001 please
consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. Claims 20-21 are rejected
for lack of novelty; claims 20-24 are rejected for lack of inventive step; and claims 1-
19 are objected as lacking clarity. For reason detailed below these rejections and
objections should be withdrawn.